

REMARKS

This election is submitted in response to the Office Action mailed December 10, 2004. In the Office Action, the application was restricted between two inventions, which the Examiner asserts are patentably distinct: Group I, comprising claims 2-3, 12-13, 22-23 and linking claims 1, 11 and 21 and Group II, comprising claims 4-10, 14-20, 24-30 and linking claims 1, 11 and 21. Within Group II, the Examiner identified species a1, comprising claims 5, 15 and 25; species a2, comprising claims 6, 16 and 26; species b1, comprising claims 9, 19 and 29; and species b2, comprising claims 10, 20 and 30.

Applicants provisionally elected the invention designated by the Examiner as Group II, comprising claims 4-10, 14-20, 24-30 and linking claims 1, 11 and 21. Within Group II, Applicants provisionally elected species a2, comprising claims 6, 16 and 26, and species b1, comprising claims 9, 19 and 29.

Consideration of the elected claims is respectfully requested.


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